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For: TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL THAT PROVIDES  
CONVENIENCE TO A USER RECEIVING MAIL SERVICES FROM VARIOUS MAIL  
SERVICE PROVIDERS AT DIFFERENT TERMINALS AND DIFFERENT PLACES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date but before the mail date of an Official Action therein. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), which states that

An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant within any one of the following time periods: ...  
(3) Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits;

It is respectfully submitted that the present Statement is timely filed and that consideration by the Examiner is thus in order.

The non-English language references provided herewith are listed on accompanying form PTO/SB08A.

The listed references were cited during examination of a corresponding foreign application. The Official Action (mailed May 2, 2006), and an English language translation of the same ("Notice of Reasons for Rejection"), are provided.

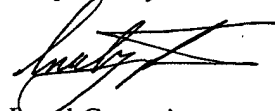
It is believed that said Notice identifies the relevance of the five references cited therein to the 13 claims pending on the corresponding foreign application.

Of the five Japanese references cited in said Notice, one (JP 07-273791) had been previously cited, and was made of record by applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 15, 2005. Therefore, although listed on accompanying form PTO/SB08A, a copy of the reference is not required to be supplied herewith.

The remaining four references are provided herein with English language Abstracts.

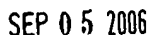
Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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